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South Goa District, Margao

Order

Under Section 144 of Criminal
Procedure Code, 1973

No. 38/28/2011/MAG/ELN/12112

To,

The Public Generally,

Whereas, an announcement has been made by the Election Commission of India, New-Delhi to hold General Election for Goa Legislative Assembly, 2012 and accordingly the Election is scheduled to be held on 03-03-2012 and directions have been given to ensure free, fair and peaceful Elections.

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, and impose ban for carrying of all type of arms and fire-arms and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the Election

process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquility or riot, of any affray during the electioneering.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time.

Now, therefore, I, Sandip Jacques, District Magistrate, South Goa, Margao, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P. C., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all type of arms, fire-arms, ammunition lethal weapons in any public place, street, road squares, thoroughfare, by-lanes, or in any open place in the entire District of South Goa with immediate effect until further orders.

Further, all the arm licence holders in South Goa District are directed to deposit all their fire-arms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective jurisdiction immediately, and in no case after 03-1-2012. All the fire-arms deposited will be returned to the licence holder after 09-3-2012 i.e. after the election process is over.

Further, it is also made known that, if any person has a real threat to his or her person/property, he/she should approach the Director General of Police for providing necessary security by the Police but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal fire arm/s licence

or otherwise except with special permission from the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defense Personnel and Security Personnel on duty and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence

or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, on this 26th day of December, 2011.

Sandip Jacques,
District Magistrate &
District Election Officer,
South Goa, Margao.

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